

Ruby Batts Archie, at the age of 76, passed away. She had been an educator in our community for 37 years. She had been the mayor of Danville from 1998 to 2000, and served on the city council for 16 years. She was just a few days from finally retiring from the council to spend more time with her grandchildren.

She was a tireless educator; she was a fearless leader. She always put the interests of the people in her community ahead, being willing to work with people from all parties, my predecessor, Mr. Goode, myself, people in the city, people in the county. For her, this was a matter of faith; it was a matter of fairness. She will be deeply missed.

We pray for her, for her family, and for all of those who served with her. It was an honor to have a chance to work with her to make Danville and southern Virginia a better place. And we look forward to what Mayor Sherman Saunders has called her everlasting legacy.

CHRISTIANS ARRESTED FOR PASSING OUT BIBLES IN AMERICA

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, four Christian missionaries were recently arrested for disorderly conduct. What was their behavior that got them arrested? These four Christians were peacefully handing out the Gospel of John outside an Arab cultural festival.

Now, the festival was not a private or even a Muslim event. It was an Arab festival, free and open to the public. A video shows the Christian group, that included a former Muslim, outside, about a block away from that event. They were standing quietly on the corner handing out Bibles, when they were arrested by no less than eight police officers.

Now, under sharia law it is forbidden to preach Christianity to a Muslim. But, Madam Speaker, these discriminatory arrests against Christians did not occur in a Muslim country; they occurred in Dearborn, Michigan.

The First Amendment of our Constitution safeguards freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression even for Christians. Maybe the police in Dearborn, Michigan, haven't read the Constitution. These arrests are shameful, whether the police in Dearborn, Michigan, like it or not.

And that's just the way it is.

SUPPORT FOR WALL STREET REFORM

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Wall Street reform. After months of diligent work, the House and Senate will finally vote this week to enact Wall Street reform.

This is a historic achievement. The bill is not perfect, but it's a major step forward. Wall Street's unchecked greed and recklessness nearly destroyed our economy. Wall Street reform will repair our financial system and prevent another collapse.

When the House last voted on this bill, Democrats voted "yes," while Republicans all voted "no." Democrats voted to protect Main Street consumers from deceptive mortgages and predatory credit cards. Republicans voted "no." Democrats voted to shine a bright light of transparency and accountability on the shady dealings of Wall Street, but Republicans voted "no." And Democrats voted to never again use taxpayer dollars to bail out reckless, too-big-to-fail financial firms like AIG. Republicans voted "no."

It's time to show where you stand: with Main Street or with Wall Street.

I urge my Republican colleagues to finally vote "yes." Support Main Street instead of Wall Street.

FOLLOW THE TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, this week the United States Supreme Court actually decided a constitutional question of extreme importance, and it had to deal with the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. The interesting thing was they reached this conclusion by looking at the text of the Constitution, the words of the Second Amendment. What a shame we didn't do that last week when we were dealing with the DISCLOSE Act, where we essentially eviscerated the First Amendment, the First Amendment protection for political speech.

Instead of saying that it exists for all and that we should protect it for all, we decided that some are more equal than others. We auctioned off parts of the First Amendment last week. Let us hope that the Senate will not repeat that mistake, and that we understand that perhaps the best way to understand what the Constitution means is to actually look at its words. Sometimes you can find the rights expressed there far more easily than looking at penumbras and those that emanate from penumbras. At times it makes sense for us to pay attention to what the Founding Fathers actually said.

WALL STREET REFORM

(Mr. LUJÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, for too long New Mexicans have been put at financial risk by the irresponsible actions of Wall Street. Because of their risky gambles, our country lost 8 mil-

lion jobs and \$17 trillion in retirement savings and net worth. That's why I voted against the Wall Street bailout in 2009, and why Wall Street reform is needed.

We need to protect consumers and hold Wall Street accountable, and the current Wall Street reform package is an important step in that direction. It will rein in banks with their big bonuses, help put an end to bailouts, help put an end to too-big-to-fail, and introduce more transparency into the financial system.

We must keep working so that Wall Street is held accountable and is never again allowed to endanger the financial security of New Mexicans and people all across our great Nation.

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WHERE IS THE BUDGET?

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, it's tough economic times, and almost every family, every business back in my district knows in tough times you've got to sit down and put pen to paper and figure out a budget so you know where you stand and where you're going. But right now, people find it unbelievable that they're sitting down and going through this tough process but we, in Congress, are not.

Until this year, we've never failed to pass a budget since the Budget Act was put into place in 1974. In fact, it is astonishingly insensitive of the Democratic leadership to not do a budget this Congress.

Earlier this year, President Obama himself said in January, "Like any cash-strapped family, we will work within a budget to invest in what we need and sacrifice what we don't."

So why not do a budget this year? I can't understand it. My folks back home can't either.

Last week, Brian Garlotte of Flower Mound, Texas, posted on my Facebook page, "Where is our budget, Congressman? This is unacceptable." I agree with Brian. It is unacceptable that this year, of all years, Congress will not work on a budget.

SMALL BUSINESS

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, at roundtables that I hold with small business owners in San Diego, there are some consistent themes. They all say that they need banks to lend and people to spend. A few also pointed out that when their businesses fail or fall behind on their taxes, the IRS is more than willing to work out a payment plan that they can afford but then slaps them with penalties that they can't afford.